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Filed: July 3, 2001 : Examiner: R. Baum  
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For: DATA DECODING APPARATUS AND :   
METHOD, CHARGE INFORMATION  
PROCESSING APPARATUS AND METHOD,  
DATA REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND  
METHOD, ELECTRONIC MONEY,  
ELECTRONIC USE RIGHT, AND  
TERMINAL APPARATUS

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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR § 1.116**

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Dear Sir:

In response to the official action dated May 9, 2011  
Applicants submit the following amendments and remarks.